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Kristina Slaughter et al. v. City of Emeryville, et al., USDC Northern District

Court Case No. C08-01552

## Dear Judge Hamilton:

We are in receipt of the Court's Order Granting Motion to Dismiss ("Order") filed by Victoria's Secret Stores, LLC and Claudia Soto ("Defendants"). Defendants write to seek clarification of paragraph 2 of the Court's Order with respect to Plaintiffs' claim under California Civil Code § 52.1 (the "Bane Act"). With respect to this claim, the Order states "leave to amend is GRANTED, so that plaintiffs can attempt to plead additional allegations that establish the unlawfulness of defendants' conduct pursuant to an appropriate joint action theory."

At the hearing on Defendants' Motion on June 18, 2008, the Court noted there was no "joint action" theory of liability premised on the Bane Act (in contrast to a similar theory of liability premised on a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim) and inquired of Plaintiffs' counsel whether he was aware of any authority. Plaintiffs' counsel admitted he was not aware of any authority supporting his theory of recovery. As a result, the Court indicated at the conclusion of the hearing that it would dismiss the Bane Act claim with prejudice.

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Based on the admitted lack of any authority supporting Plaintiffs' theory of "joint action" liability under the Bane Act and the Court's prior ruling on this claim on June 18, Defendants respectfully request the Court to reconsider its Order with respect to the Civil Code § 52.1 claim (Eleventh Cause of Action).

Very truly yours,

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